



The Summer Scene

A Weekly Update for Workforce Resource's
Summer Work, Education and Training Program

Serving Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties

Rick's Service Center Offers Experience as well as Work

Summer Youth workers, Cody Hembd and Xai Vue obtained work assignments as Shop Assistants at Rick's Service Center in Eau Claire. As Shop Assistants, they might have expected to only be sweeping floors and cleaning tools, but supervisor, Shawn Chang, took a different approach. "Some other businesses may not want to hire youth because they are inexperienced, but I try to give them the opportunity to learn, otherwise how are they going to know?" says Shawn. As the manager of a well respected local business, Shawn always encourages the youth to do whatever they are capable of to learn and develop their skills.



Cory performs minor repairs

Cody and Xai's duties include changing oil, changing tires and performing actual car repairs under Shawn's supervi-

sion. The experience gained through this position is especially important to Cody, who hopes to continue working in

the automotive repair field. He plans to pursue training as an automotive technician at WyoTech in the fall. Of his job, Cody notes "I learn new things every day."

432 Youth employed
from all sources

\$256,000 youth
payroll through August 1

36,000 paid hours
of productive youth work

Agriculture Academy Youth Build Teamwork at Camp Phillips

The Barron County Agriculture Academy participants had the opportunity to visit Camp Phillips, a Chippewa Valley Boy Scout reservation.

These young people were led by camp instructor, Eric Becker through challenge courses designed to develop team work, group communication and collaborative planning and creative thinking skills.

"The Web" challenge re-

quired each team member to pass through a vertical rope-web without touching the web itself. Each space in the web could only be used once. Quickly learning that one person would not be able to make it through the tight openings without help. The "Team" creatively thought, planned and communicated to successfully pass each person through in a collaborative effort.

Each of the challenges taught the youth to rely on one another to achieve both individ-

ual and team goals through effective teamwork. Each team won the praise of Eric Becker for how well they demonstrated these essential skills and followed through to achieve their objectives. Not only did all of the participants leave with smiles on their faces they also developed stronger understanding of the importance of teamwork in achieving their goals.



Upcoming Events

Aug. 5 - Guest Speaker - Chippewa Jet hosts a speaker from the Great Lakes College Access Advisement Services to speak on financial aid (how to apply, what is available, and what responsibilities are after receiving aid).

August 5 and 6 - Community Service - Clark youth at Sportsman Lake in Owen

August 8 - Guest Speaker - Dave Miller from Econ. Development Board speaks about Entrepreneurship in Barron

Aug 12 - Mock Interviews - Youth from Barron practice interviews over lunch

Aug 21 - Investing in Summer Success 2009 - End of the summer recognition event on the UW-Stout Campus



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